



EVENT INFORMATION 2023

On behalf of Aero Legends welcome to The Battle of Britain Air Show.

To ensure this is a pleasant weekend for everyone, we have to manage the site effectively and ask for your help and co-operation by reading and abiding by the following requirements.

1. Arrival

You may arrive any time from midday on Wednesday 28th June 2023. Vehicles arriving before this time (unless by special arrangement) will be turned away as the site will still be undergoing preparation for the show. On Arrival, please report to the Booking-in tent at the Exhibitors Gate entrance – see Site Map. Here you will receive any updated information, your wristbands and will be directed on where to go.

2. Departure

Please do not depart before 18:00 on Saturday or Sunday. (This is a safety requirement as the public will still be on site). You may remain on site until midday on Monday 3rd July 2023.

3. Airfield

The show is held at an active airfield and is open to the public every day. Please do not cross the fence on to the runway at any time unless under direct supervision of a show Marshall.

4. Public Opening Times

Friday 16:00 to 22:00, Saturday, and Sunday are 10:00 to 17:00.

5. Exhibitions Ready for Show

Your Trade Stand / Vehicle Display / History Group must be in place by 09:30 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. No exhibitor may knock down their site or depart from site before 17:30.

6. Officials / Marshalls

Please comply with the requests/instructions of the Officials and Marshalls. Please remember that Marshalls are Volunteers who give up their spare time at the show to make things run smoothly. Please take note of what they instruct you to do.

7. Trade Stands

The space booked by an exhibitor must include sufficient room for guy ropes, tow bars and any other accessories connected with the exhibition. All exhibitors will provide their own marquee or tent. Any vehicle that is not included within the booked area must be parked in the exhibitor's car park / camping areas by 08:45 on show days.

8. Display Vehicles

It is the duty of all vehicle owners to ensure that their vehicles are always maintained in a safe and roadworthy condition.

VEHICLE INSURANCE

Owners must ensure that their vehicles are covered for 'off-road' use and that all drivers are similarly covered. It is the responsibility of the driver to confirm insurance cover with the owner before taking charge of a vehicle. Normal road insurance does not apply at 'off-road' events.

DRIVER QUALIFICATION

- Any vehicles being driven should be controlled by the holder of a current full driving licence for that class of vehicles who is driving with the full permission of the owner, and, above all, who is familiar with that particular vehicle.
- Outside public opening times a properly supervised provisional licence holder is permitted to drive provided that the vehicle is displaying "L" plates and there is no risk or danger whatsoever to other persons present at the event
- At no time should a child or a non-licence holder be in charge of or control of a vehicle as this could invalidate any insurance policy. This includes vehicles left with ignition keys in place or with the engine or machinery in motion.



RESTRICTED DRIVERS VISION

If any vehicle has restricted vision, a responsible adult must act as vehicle commander. He must be in voice contact with the driver. It is the commander's responsibility to ensure passenger safety, especially when persons are mounting or dismounting from the vehicle, which should be done other than by, using the tracks or wheels as footrests.

PROJECTIONS FROM VEHICLES

Drivers must ensure that any projections outside the normal overall width, length and height of their vehicles such as whip aerials or ring-mounted replica machine guns, are properly secured before moving off, especially when moving through crowds.

PASSENGERS

- No passenger vehicle must carry more passengers than the number of seats on that vehicle. They must be correctly seated, and children properly supervised. On fully armoured, tracked vehicles, no passengers or crew must be carried on the exterior of the vehicle.
- On amphibious vehicles, all crew and passengers must be equipped with flotation devices or life – jackets when water- borne.

9. All Vehicle Movement (Max speed 5 mph)

Vehicle movement is restricted during Public Opening Times on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (see above):

- Trade Stand Area: no movement at all
- Vehicle Display Area: movement only allowed under direct supervision of a show Marshall
- Living History Area: movement only allowed under direct supervision of a show Marshall

TRACKED VEHICLE MOVEMENT

Additional requirements for these vehicles:

- They must be accompanied by at least one escort person on foot wearing a high visibility jacket.
- Passengers to be seated on seats within the vehicle, not riding on vehicle hull or turret.

10. Electricity

No mains electricity is available and exhibitors who wish to use their own generator hired from a contractor other than the official supplier must obtain written permission. A condition of use for all generators will be that a noise nuisance or risk will not be caused to the public or neighboring stand holders.

11. Emergency Services

There is a fully equipped First Aid and Fire Centre. In the event of an emergency please contact an official on site with a radio. This will then ensure the right person is contacted ASAP and help provided without delay.

12. Dogs and other animals

The show is taking place on an active airfield, which will be operating throughout the weekend. It is also surrounded by farmland with grazing animals. Please ensure that your dog/s are always on a lead and other animals/pets are under control and not allowed to roam free. This is vital for their safety and your peace of mind.

13. Vehicle and Camping Security

The show and site will be open to the public. The organisers can accept no responsibility for loss or damage to your vehicle or belongings. Please take steps to ensure the safety of your vehicles and belongings. Security will be onsite from Thursday 29th June through until Monday 3rd July 2023.

Although there will be a security presence within the showground items left within the exhibition area is done so at the owner's risk. We can arrange for security guards on request and at cost to the exhibitor.

14. Camping Location

To successfully project the image of a military show, the Living History and Vehicle Display are limited to military green camping only. Those with non-military tents/caravan/mobile homes, etc. will be asked to camp in the trader camping field. It will be possible to take your vehicle(s) between the camping and display area at the start and end of each day.



- **Caravans/Motor Homes:** When parking your caravan or motor home please ensure you leave a distance of 6 meters all around your vehicle. This is to comply with fire safety regulations. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with the nearest fire point.
- **Tents:** Please ensure adequate space around your tent for access by emergency services.
- **Animal Grazing** Your attention is drawn to the fact that the show and camping grounds have been used in the past for animal grazing.

15. Fire Safety

Please ensure you have a suitable, modern type fire extinguisher immediately on hand on your display vehicle/s, Trade Stand, Living History Display and/or camping location.

- Trade Stand Area: No open fires / BBQs allowed in this area
- Display & Camping Areas: Open fires / BBQs are permitted in these areas but must be kept well away from tents and vehicles.

16. Firearms and related Weapons

All Firearms and related weapons brought on to site must comply with appropriate current UK legislation. Replica and deactivated guns, bayonets and knives must not be carried or worn when moving around the showground unless it has been agreed with the organisers in advance, i.e. display group. All equipment must never be left unattended. Please ensure you bring the appropriate certificates/licenses in case the authorities wish to inspect them.

17. Pyrotechnics / Blank Rounds

May only be brought on site by prior arrangement with the Organiser.

- No Sky Lanterns or similar to be brought or launched on the airfield.

18. Noise

No excessive noise should be made, or generators used on a show site or camping site between the hours of 23:00 and 06:30.

19. Litter

There will be litter bins positioned around the site. Please ensure you use these or take your litter away with you. After the show the fields will be used for animal grazing.

Exhibitors are asked to ensure that their site and immediate area are free from litter and refuse at the end of the show day. Empty boxes and cartons must be removed on leaving the site. We thank you for your co-operation in this as litter is a danger to aircraft. Stand holders who leave litter will be charged a litter deposit in future years.

20. Civilian Vehicles/support vehicles

No civilian/support vehicles may be parked in the Display areas. Booked in support vehicles may park in the designated area which will be indicated on arrival. All other vehicles must be parked in the public car park.

21. Uniforms

Uniforms must not be worn outside the showground. Care must be taken to avoid unit and rank badges and especially medial ribbons to which the wearer is not entitled, as this constitutes an offence. Uniforms should be worn correctly and in context, (i.e. no long hair and ear rings).

22. Quad Bikes

Quad bikes are NOT permitted at the event unless special permission has been given for their use by the organisers and they are driven by a person who has a full vehicle driving license.

23. Travel Information

We recommend that heavy vehicles travelling via the M20 use Junctions 6 or 7 through Maidstone, and then on to the A274 to Headcorn, or J9 and A28 – NOT Junction 8 via Leeds, as this is a narrow road, with a narrow bridge.